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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from October 15 to November 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

Moraine Hills State Park

1411557 - This project involves construction of a new vault toilet to replace the existing north vault toilet at the McHenry Dam Day Use Area. Construction will also include new sidewalks in the area. Project was submitted for review on 5-22-14.

· Pyramid State Park

1505663 - This project involves construction of a new vault toilet at the field trial facility on the Captain Unit of Pyramid SP. Construction will also include sidewalks and concrete parking space. Project was submitted for review on 10-20-14.

· Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area

1506217 - This project involves construction of a new vault toilet to replace the existing south vault toilet at the Fox View #3 Day Use Area. Construction will also include new sidewalks in the area. Project was submitted for review on 11-3-14.

Moraine Hills State Park

1506216 - This project involves construction of a new vault toilet to replace the existing south vault toilet at the McHenry Dam Day Use Area. Construction will also include new sidewalks in the area. Project was submitted for review on 11-3-14.

William W. Powers State Fish & Wildlife Area

1506218 - This project involves constructing two vault toilets to replace 4 existing vault toilets. Construction will also include sidewalks and parking spaces. Project was submitted for review on 11-3-14.

Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Park

1505746 – This project involves construction involved with the placement of a new Pole building. Project was submitted for review on 10-21-14.

Siloam Springs State Park

1506113 - This project involves the installation of a new water line from the water tower extending eastward to the campground entrance. Project was submitted for review on 10-30-14.

Sangamon Valley Trail

1505763 – This project involves installation of a 12" tile across the 100' wide railroad corridor to connect to an existing culvert on the west side of Rt. 4. The trail corridor is preventing water from draining from the agricultural field. Project was submitted for review on 10-22-14.

· Cypress Pond State Natural Area

1505303 - This project involves mechanical removal on 30 acres to restore and enhance native forest species and to promote regeneration of native species. Project was submitted for review on 10-3-14.

Cache River State Natural Area

1505302 - This project involves mechanical removal on 30 acres to restore and enhance native forest species and to promote regeneration of native species. Project was submitted for review on 10-3-14.

Illinois Beach State Park

1505319 – This project involves repairs to utilities at the Main Beach. A storm undermined the water main causing it to break into several pieces. The resort, campground, and site office lost water service and had to be closed. A permanent water main will be relocated/reconstructed farther inland. To protect the sewer main, an estimated 23,000 tons of sand will be spread on beach. Project was submitted for review on 10-6-14.

Questions and Comments
All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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